

A Two Dimensional Backward Heat Problem With Statistical Discrete Data

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Abstract

In this paper, we focus on the backward heat problem of finding the function $\theta(x, y) = u(x, y, 0)$ such that

$$\begin{cases} u_t - a(t)(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) &= f(x, y, t), & (x, y, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(x, y, T) &= h(x, y), & (x, y) \in \bar{\Omega}, \end{cases}$$

where $\Omega = (0, \pi) \times (0, \pi)$ and the heat transfer coefficient $a(t)$ is known. In our problem, the source $f = f(x, y, t)$ and the final data $h(x, y)$ are unknown. We only know random noise data $g_{ij}(t)$ and d_{ij} satisfying the regression models

$$\begin{aligned} g_{ij}(t) &= f(x_i, y_j, t) + \vartheta \xi_{ij}(t), \\ d_{ij} &= h(x_i, y_j) + \sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\xi_{ij}(t)$ are Brownian motions, $\epsilon_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, (x_i, y_j) are grid points of Ω and σ_{ij}, ϑ are unknown positive constants. The noises $\xi_{ij}(t), \epsilon_{ij}$ are mutually independent. From the known data $g_{ij}(t)$ and d_{ij} , we can recovery the initial temperature $\theta(x, y)$. However, the result thus obtained is not stable and the problem is severely ill-posed. To regularize the instable solution, we use the trigonometric method in nonparametric regression associated with the truncated expansion method. In addition, convergence rate is also investigated numerically.

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1 Introduction

In the literature of PDE research papers, the heat problem is pretty much studied, since it is important in various physics and industrial applications. The heat problem has many forms, in which we have two ordinary forms. The first one is of determining the future temperature of the system from the initial data. The second one is of finding the initial temperature from the final temperature. They are commonly known as “forward heat problems” and “backward heat problems”, respectively. The backward heat problems are applied in fields as the heat conduction theory [2], material science [21], hydrology [3, 19], groundwater contamination [23], digital remove blurred noiseless image [5] and also in many other practical applications of mathematical physics

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and engineering sciences. As known, the backward heat problem is severely ill-posed (see [13] or Section 3).

Now, to consider the problem we state the precise form of our problem. Let $\Omega = (0, \pi) \times (0, \pi)$, $T > 0$ and $a : (0, T) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a positive Lebesgue measurable function. In this paper we focus on the two dimensional nonhomogeneous backward heat problems of finding functions $\theta(x, y) := u(x, y, 0)$, $f(x, y, t)$ and $h(x, y)$ such that

$$\begin{cases} u_t - a(t)(u_{xx} + u_{yy}) &= f(x, y, t), & (x, y, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(x, y, T) &= h(x, y), & (x, y) \in \overline{\Omega}, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

subject to the Dirichlet condition

$$u(0, y, t) = u(\pi, y, t) = u(x, 0, t) = u(x, \pi, t) = 0. \quad (2)$$

We shall assume that $0 < a_1 \leq a(t) \leq a_2$ where a_1, a_2 are positive constants.

As known, measurements always are given at a discrete set of points and contain errors. These errors may be generated from controllable sources or uncontrollable sources. In the first case, the error is often deterministic. Hence, if we know approximation f_ϵ, h_ϵ of the source f and the final data h then we can construct an approximation for $\theta(x, y)$. If the errors are generated from uncontrollable sources as wind, rain, humidity, etc, then the model is random. Methods for the deterministic cases cannot apply directly for the case. Because of the random noise, the calculation is often intractable. In fact, let $(x_i, y_j) = \left(\frac{\pi(2i-1)}{2n}, \frac{\pi(2j-1)}{2m}\right)$ with $i = \overline{1, n}; j = \overline{1, m}$, be grid points in Ω . We consider two nonparametric regression models of data

$$g_{ij}(t) = f(x_i, y_j, t) + \vartheta \xi_{ij}(t), \quad (3)$$

$$d_{ij} = h(x_i, y_j) + \sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij}, \quad i = \overline{1, n}; j = \overline{1, m} \quad (4)$$

where $g_{ij}(t)$ are random process, d_{ij} are random data, $\xi_{ij}(t)$ are Brownian motions, $\epsilon_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ and σ_{ij} are bounded by a positive constant V_{max} , i.e., $0 \leq \sigma_{ij} < V_{max}$ for all i, j . The random variables $\xi_{ij}(t), \epsilon_{ij}$ are mutually independent. In the model, $g_{ij}(t)$ and d_{ij} are observable whereas $\vartheta \xi_{ij}(t)$ and $\sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij}$ are unknown. Now, we have a problem of finding the final temperature $h(x, y)$, the initial temperature $\theta(x, y) = u(x, y, 0)$ and the source $f(x, y, t)$ from the random noise data $g_{ij}(t)$ and d_{ij} .

Roughly speaking, we can find two ways to examine the general backward problem: the numerical tendency and the theoretical tendency. In the numerical tendency, the paper is focused essentially on the new numerical algorithms and gives a lot of examples to convince readers about the effectiveness of the algorithms. In the theoretical tendency, authors have to consider the convergence of algorithms and give some illustration examples. Both approaches are important in real applications. On the other hand, we can classify informally problems into the deterministic and the stochastic problems. So we have four styles of investigating the problem

1. **N**umerical **T**endency for **D**eterministic **P**roblem (NTDP for short),
2. **N**umerical **T**endency for **S**tochastic **P**roblem (NTSP),
3. **T**heoretical **T**endency for **D**eterministic **P**roblem (TTDP),
4. **T**heoretical **T**endency for **S**tochastic **P**roblem (NTSP).

The literature of the NTDP, TTDP styles for the backward problem is traditional and very huge. For example, we have many approaches as Tikhonov method ([7, 24]), Quasi-boundary value method (see [9, 26, 27]), Quasi-Reversibility method ([20, 22]), mollification ([12]), truncated expansion ([17, 18]), the general filter regularization method ([11]).... The literature of the NTSP styles is also large. A lot of papers are of NTDP style but its examples have data with concrete random noises (often bounded with uniform distribution). In the paper [8], the authors used the backward group preserving scheme to deal with the problem. The noisy data $R(i)$ in the paper are random numbers in $[-1, 1]$. In [14], the authors used the noisy data in interior collocation points and boundary collocation points generated by the Gaussian random number. The paper [8, 14] is of NTSP style with very new interested numerical methods. The NTSP results suggested us to write future papers devoted to the theoretical error estimates of the schemes.

The paper related to the TTSP style of the backward problem is quite scarce. In our knowledge, we can list here some related papers. In Cavalier L. [6], author gave some theoretical examples about inverse problems with random noise. Mair B. and Ruymgaart F. H. [15] considered theoretical formulas for statistical inverse estimation in Hilbert scales and applied the method for some examples. Our paper is inspired from the paper by Bissantz. N. and Holzmann. H. [4] in which the authors considered a one-dimensional homogeneous backward problem. The very last papers are dealt with i.i.d. random noises. In the present paper, we consider the nonhomogeneous backward problem, which is of TTSP style with general non-i.i.d. noises and random sources. In our opinion, it is a positive point of our paper.

In the present paper, we use the trigonometric method in nonparametric regression associated with the truncated expansion method to construct estimators which recover stably the Fourier coefficients of the unknown function $\theta(x, y)$. This “hybrid” approach can be seen as a generalization of the one in [4] to the multi-dimensional and nonhomogeneous problem. Moreover, in [4], an estimate of discretization bias of one-dimensional Fourier coefficients, one of the main part of the method, is stated heuristically without proof. Meanwhile, we are looking for an estimate so that it can be applied to the Sobolev class of functions. To fill this gap in the two-dimensional case, we have to find a representation of the discretization bias by high-frequency Fourier coefficients of $h(x, y)$, $f(x, y, t)$.

The rest of the paper is divided into 4 parts. In Section 2, we introduce the discretization form of Fourier coefficients. Section 3 is devoted to the ill-posedness of the problem. In Section 4, we construct estimator $\hat{\theta}(x, y)$ for the initial temperature. We also give an upper bound for the error of estimation. Finally, we present some numerical results in Section 5.

2 Discretization form of Fourier coefficients

In this paper, we denote

$$L^2(\Omega) = \left\{ g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : g \text{ is Lebesgue measurable and } \int_{\Omega} g^2(x, y) dx dy < \infty \right\},$$

with the inner product

$$\langle g_1, g_2 \rangle = \int_{\Omega} g_1(x, y) g_2(x, y) dx dy,$$

and the norm

$$\|g\| = \sqrt{\int_{\Omega} g^2(x, y) dx dy}.$$

Here, we recall that $\Omega = (0, \pi) \times (0, \pi)$. For $p, q = 1, 2, \dots$, we put $\phi_p(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin px$ and $\phi_{p,q}(x, y) = \phi_p(x)\phi_q(y)$. As known, the system $\{\phi_{p,q}\}$ is completely orthonormal. Therefore

$$u(x, y, t) = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} u_{p,q}(t) \phi_{p,q}(x, y),$$

where $u_{p,q}(t) = \langle u(\cdot, \cdot, t), \phi_{p,q} \rangle$. Similarly, we put

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{p,q} &= \langle \theta, \phi_{p,q} \rangle, & f_{p,q}(t) &= \langle f(\cdot, \cdot, t), \phi_{p,q} \rangle, \\ \lambda_{p,q}(t) &= e^{-A(t)(p^2+q^2)}, & A(t) &= \int_0^t a(\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the expansion of the function $u(x, y, t)$ into (1) we obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_{p,q}(t) + a(t)(p^2 + q^2) u_{p,q}(t) = f_{p,q}(t).$$

Thus

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(e^{(p^2+q^2) \int_0^t a(\tau) d\tau} u_{p,q}(t) \right) = e^{(p^2+q^2) \int_0^t a(\tau) d\tau} f_{p,q}(t).$$

Solving this differential equation gives

$$u_{p,q}(t) = \left(\theta_{p,q} + \int_0^t \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) f_{p,q}(\tau) d\tau \right) \lambda_{p,q}(t).$$

Hence,

$$u(x, y, t) = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \left(\theta_{p,q} + \int_0^t \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) f_{p,q}(\tau) d\tau \right) \lambda_{p,q}(t) \phi_{p,q}(x, y). \quad (5)$$

Noting that

$$\theta(x, y) = u(x, y, 0) = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \theta_{p,q} \phi_{p,q}(x, y),$$

we can obtain the expansion

$$h(x, y) = u(x, y, T) = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \left(\theta_{p,q} + \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) f_{p,q}(\tau) d\tau \right) \lambda_{p,q}(T) \phi_{p,q}(x, y).$$

It follows that

$$h_{p,q} = \left(\theta_{p,q} + \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) f_{p,q}(\tau) d\tau \right) \lambda_{p,q}(T). \quad (6)$$

To establish an estimator for θ , we need to recovery the Fourier coefficients $\theta_{p,q}$, $h_{p,q}$ and $f_{p,q}(t)$ from $g_{ij}(t)$, d_{ij} . Hence, we use approximation formulae of the coefficients which are constructed from the data-set. Suggested by one-dimensional estimators in [15], [4], we can construct a two-dimensional formula which give a discretization expansion for the Fourier coefficient $h_{p,q}$. In fact, we claim that

$$h_{p,q} \approx \frac{\pi^2}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m h(x_i, y_j) \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j).$$

As mentioned in [4], the discretization bias

$$\gamma_{n,m,p,q} := \frac{\pi^2}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m h(x_i, y_j) \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j) - h_{p,q} \quad (7)$$

is difficult to handle. In [4], for brevity, the authors only assumed that the one-dimensional bias is of order $O(n^{-1})$. In the present paper, we shall give an explicitly estimate for the two-dimensional bias.

In fact, the formulae for the discretization bias will be derived from

Lemma 2.1. *Put*

$$\delta_{p,q,r,s} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_p(x_i) \phi_r(x_i) \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \phi_q(y_j) \phi_s(y_j).$$

For $p = \overline{1, n-1}$ and $q = \overline{1, m-1}$, with $x_i = \frac{\pi(2i-1)}{2n}$, $y_j = \frac{\pi(2j-1)}{2m}$, we have

$$\delta_{p,q,r,s} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi^2}, & (r, s) \pm (p, q) = (2kn, 2lm), \\ -\frac{1}{\pi^2}, & (r, s) \pm (-p, q) = (2kn, 2lm), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If $r = \overline{1, n-1}$ and $s = \overline{1, m-1}$, we obtain

$$\delta_{p,q,r,s} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi^2}, & r = p \text{ and } s = q, \\ 0, & r \neq p \text{ or } s \neq q. \end{cases}$$

Proof. The lemma is a direct consequence of Lemma 3.5 in [10]. \square

From the latter lemma, we can represent the discretization bias $\gamma_{n,m,p,q}$ by high-frequency Fourier coefficients of the function h . Precisely, we have

Lemma 2.2. *Assume that $h \in C^1(\overline{\Omega})$. For $p = \overline{1, n-1}$, $q = \overline{1, m-1}$. Then*

$$\gamma_{n,m,p,q} = P_{n,p,q} + Q_{m,p,q} + R_{n,m,p,q}, \quad (8)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} P_{n,p,q} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k h_{2kn \pm p, q}, & Q_{m,p,q} &= \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-1)^l h_{p, 2lm \pm q}, \\ R_{n,m,p,q} &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+l} (h_{2kn \pm p, 2lm - q} + h_{2kn \pm p, 2lm + q}). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We have the following transform

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m h(x_i, y_j) \phi_q(y_j) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} h_{r,s} \phi_r(x_i) \phi_s(y_j) \right) \phi_q(y_j) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} h_{r,q} \phi_r(x_i) + S_q,$$

where

$$S_q = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \phi_r(x_i) \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-1)^l h_{r, 2lm \pm q}.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m h(x_i, y_j) \phi_q(y_j) \right) \phi_p(x_i) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} h_{r,q} \phi_r(x_i) \right) \phi_p(x_i) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n S_q \phi_p(x_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} (h_{p,q} + P_{n,p,q} + Q_{m,p,q} + R_{n,m,p,q}). \end{aligned}$$

So the equality (8) holds. \square

Now, we consider the discretization bias of Fourier coefficient $f_{p,q}(t)$ of the function $f(x, y, t)$ from the data-set. For convenient, we recall that

$$\begin{aligned} f_{p,q}(t) &= \langle f(\cdot, \cdot, t), \phi_{p,q} \rangle, \\ f(x, y, t) &= \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} f_{p,q}(t) \phi_{p,q}(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

As in Lemma 2.2, we can get similarly

Lemma 2.3. Assume that $f \in C([0, T]; C^1(\overline{\Omega}))$, $p = \overline{1, n-1}$ and $q = \overline{1, m-1}$. Put

$$\eta_{n,m,p,q}(t) = \frac{\pi^2}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m f(x_i, y_j, t) \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j) - f_{p,q}(t). \quad (9)$$

Then

$$\eta_{n,m,p,q}(t) = P'_{n,p,q}(t) + Q'_{m,p,q}(t) + R'_{n,m,p,q}(t), \quad (10)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} P'_{n,p,q}(t) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k f_{2kn \pm p, q}(t), & Q'_{m,p,q}(t) &= \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-1)^l f_{p, 2lm \pm q}(t), \\ R'_{n,m,p,q}(t) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{l+k} (f_{2kn \pm p, 2lm + q}(t) + f_{2kn \pm p, 2lm - q}(t)). \end{aligned}$$

Combining equalities (6), (7) and (9) we can obtain a data-explicit form for $\theta(x, y)$

Theorem 2.4. Let $M, N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $0 < N \leq n$, $0 < M \leq m$. Assume that the functions h , f are fulfilled Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3 and that u is as in (5). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(x, y) &= \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \left[\frac{\pi^2}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \left(h(x_i, y_j) \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(T) - \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) f(x_i, y_j, \tau) d\tau \right) \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left(\gamma_{n,m,p,q} \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(T) - \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \eta_{n,m,p,q}(\tau) d\tau \right) \right] \phi_{p,q}(x, y) \\ &\quad + \sum_{p=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=1}^M \theta_{p,q} \phi_{p,q}(x, y) + \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=M+1}^{\infty} \theta_{p,q} \phi_{p,q}(x, y) + \sum_{p=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=M+1}^{\infty} \theta_{p,q} \phi_{p,q}(x, y), \end{aligned}$$

where $\gamma_{n,m,p,q}, \eta_{n,m,p,q}$ are as in Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3.

3 The ill-posedness of the problem

From the theorem, we can consider the ill-posedness of our problem. We investigate a concrete model of data and prove the instability of the solution in the case of random noise data. Suppose that $h(x, y) = f(x, y, t) \equiv 0$ and $a(t) = 1$, $u(x, y, T) = 0$. The unique solution of (1)–(2) is $u(x, y, t) \equiv 0$.

Let the random noise data be

$$\begin{aligned} g_{ij}(t) &= 0 + \vartheta \xi_{ij}(t), \\ d_{ij} &= 0 + \epsilon_{ij}, \quad \epsilon_{ij} \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, n^{-1}m^{-1}), \end{aligned}$$

for $i = \overline{1, n}, j = \overline{1, m}$. We shall construct the solution of (1)–(2) with respect to the random data. Using the idea of the trigonometric regression, we put

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{h}^{nm}(x, y) &= \sum_{p=1}^{n-1} \sum_{q=1}^{m-1} \bar{h}_{p,q}^{mn} \phi_{p,q}(x, y), \\ \bar{f}^{nm}(x, y, t) &= \sum_{p=1}^{n-1} \sum_{q=1}^{m-1} \bar{f}_{p,q}^{mn}(t) \phi_{p,q}(x, y), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{h}_{p,q}^{nm} &= \frac{\pi^2}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \epsilon_{ij} \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j), \\ \bar{f}_{p,q}^{nm}(t) &= \frac{\pi^2 \vartheta}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \xi_{ij}(t) \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j). \end{aligned}$$

The definition implies

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\gamma}_{n,m,p,q} &:= \frac{\pi^2}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \epsilon_{ij} \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j) - \bar{h}_{p,q}^{nm} = 0, \\ \bar{\eta}_{n,m,p,q}(t) &:= \frac{\pi^2 \vartheta}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \xi_{ij}(t) \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j) - \bar{f}_{p,q}^{nm}(t) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By the orthogonal property stated in Lemma 2.1, we can verify directly that

$$\bar{h}_{nm}(x_i, y_j) = d_{ij}, \bar{f}_{nm}(x_i, y_j, t) = g_{ij}(t).$$

Let $\bar{u} = \bar{u}(x, y, t)$ be the solution of the system

$$\begin{cases} \bar{u}_t - (\bar{u}_{xx} + \bar{u}_{yy}) &= \bar{f}^{nm}(x, y, t), & (x, y, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T), \\ \bar{u}(x, y, T) &= \bar{h}^{nm}(x, y), & (x, y) \in \bar{\Omega}, \end{cases}$$

subject to the Dirichlet condition

$$\bar{u}(0, y, t) = \bar{u}(\pi, y, t) = \bar{u}(x, 0, t) = \bar{u}(x, \pi, t) = 0.$$

We can remark that $\bar{u}(\cdot, \cdot, t)$ is a trigonometric polynomial with order $< n$ (with respect to the variable x) and order $< m$ (with respect to the variable y). Putting $\bar{\theta}^{nm}(x, y) = \bar{u}(x, y, 0)$, we get in view of the remark that

$$\bar{\theta}_{p,q}^{nm} := \langle \bar{\theta}^{nm}, \phi_{p,q} \rangle,$$

for $p \geq n$ or $q \geq m$.

Applying Theorem 2.4 with $N = n - 1, M = m - 1$, we obtain

$$\bar{\theta}^{nm}(x, y) = \sum_{p=1}^{n-1} \sum_{q=1}^{m-1} \left(\bar{h}_{p,q}^{nm} - \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \bar{f}_{p,q}^{nm}(\tau) d\tau \right) \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(T) \phi_{p,q}(x, y),$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{\theta}^{nm}\|^2 &= \sum_{p=1}^{n-1} \sum_{q=1}^{m-1} \left(\bar{h}_{p,q}^{nm} - \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \bar{f}_{p,q}^{nm}(\tau) d\tau \right)^2 \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(T) \\ &\geq \left(\bar{h}_{n-1,m-1}^{nm} - \int_0^T \lambda_{n-1,m-1}^{-1}(\tau) \bar{f}_{n-1,m-1}^{nm}(\tau) d\tau \right)^2 \lambda_{n-1,m-1}^{-2}(T). \end{aligned}$$

Assuming that the random quantities ϵ_{ij} and $\xi_{ij}(t)$ are mutually independent, we can obtain by direct computation that

$$\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \|\bar{f}^{n,m}(\cdot, \cdot, t)\|^2 = 0, \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

Moreover, by the Parseval equality, we have

$$\|\bar{h}^{nm}\|^2 = \sum_{p=1}^{n-1} \sum_{q=1}^{m-1} \left(\bar{h}_{p,q}^{nm} \right)^2 = \sum_{p=1}^{n-1} \sum_{q=1}^{m-1} \frac{\pi^4}{n^2 m^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \epsilon_{ij} \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j) \right)^2.$$

Using Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$\mathbb{E} \|\bar{h}^{nm}\|^2 = \sum_{p=1}^{n-1} \sum_{q=1}^{m-1} \frac{\pi^2}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \mathbb{E} \epsilon_{ij}^2 = \frac{(n-1)(m-1)}{n^2 m^2}.$$

Thus

$$\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \|\bar{h}^{nm}\|^2 = 0.$$

On the other hand, we claim that $\mathbb{E} \|\bar{\theta}_{nm}\|^2 \rightarrow \infty$ as $n, m \rightarrow \infty$. In fact, we have

$$\mathbb{E} \|\bar{\theta}_{nm}\|^2 \geq \left[\mathbb{E} (\bar{h}_{n,m}^{nm})^2 + \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^T e^{-\tau(n^2+m^2)} \bar{f}_{p,q}^{nm}(\tau) d\tau \right)^2 \right] e^{2T(n^2+m^2)} \geq \frac{\pi^2}{n^2 m^2} e^{2T(n^2+m^2)}$$

and

$$\mathbb{E} \|\bar{\theta}_{nm}\|^2 \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow +\infty.$$

From the latter inequality, we can deduce that the problem is ill-posed. Moreover, as classified in [6], the problem is severely ill-posed. Hence, a regularization is in order.

4 Estimators and Convergence results

In Section 3, we have known that the problem is ill-posed. To deal with it, we have some regularization methods, for instance, one can employ the quasi-boundary value method (QBV) [26]; or use the Tikhonov method.... In this paper, we use the truncated method in analogy to 1-dimension problem of [4]. The advantage of this method is that it seems to be more convenient for computation, because we can control stopping criterion.

Let two natural numbers N and M be the regularization parameters. To construct an estimator $\hat{\theta}_{n,m,N,M}$, we first note that the quantities $\gamma_{n,m,p,q}$ and $\eta_{n,m,p,q}$ are small when n and m go to infinity (see Lemmas 4.2 and 4.4). This leads to

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{h}_{p,q} &= \frac{\pi^2}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m d_{ij} \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j), \\ \hat{f}_{p,q}(t) &= \frac{\pi^2}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m g_{ij}(t) \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j),\end{aligned}$$

where $p = \overline{1, n-1}$, $q = \overline{1, m-1}$. Based on that and equation (6), $\hat{\theta}_{n,m,p,q}$ may be defined as

$$\hat{\theta}_{n,m,p,q} = \hat{h}_{p,q} \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(T) - \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \hat{f}_{p,q}(\tau) d\tau.$$

This, together with an application of the truncated expansion method to the formula of θ in Theorem 2.4, leads to

$$\hat{\theta}_{n,m,N,M}(x, y) = \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \hat{\theta}_{n,m,p,q} \phi_{p,q}(x, y). \quad (11)$$

Now, we study the convergence rate, which is the main result in this paper. Hereafter, for any positive numbers α, β and E , we denote the Sobolev class of functions by

$$\mathcal{C}_{\alpha,\beta,E} = \left\{ g \in L^2(\Omega) : \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} p^{2\alpha} q^{2\beta} |\langle g, \phi_{p,q} \rangle|^2 \leq E^2 \right\}.$$

The convergence rate of estimator $\hat{\theta}_{n,m,N,M}(x, y)$ in (11) is presented by Theorem 4.6. In order to prove the theorem, we need the evaluation for $\mathbb{E} \left\| \hat{\theta}_{n,m,N,M} - \theta \right\|^2$. In fact, this estimate procedure has to undergo some important steps. In the first step, we have

Lemma 4.1. *Let the regression models (3) and (4) hold. Assume that $\theta \in \mathcal{C}_{\alpha,\beta,E}$ and $0 < N < n, 0 < M < m$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned}& \left\| \hat{\theta}_{n,m,N,M} - \theta \right\|^2 \\ &= 4 \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \left[\frac{\pi^2}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(T) \sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij} - \vartheta \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \xi_{ij}(\tau) d\tau \right) \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \eta_{n,m,p,q}(\tau) d\tau + \gamma_{n,m,p,q} \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(T) \right]^2 \\ &\quad + 4 \left(\sum_{p=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=1}^M \theta_{p,q}^2 + \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=M+1}^{\infty} \theta_{p,q}^2 + \sum_{p=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=M+1}^{\infty} \theta_{p,q}^2 \right),\end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where we recall $\theta_{p,q} = \langle \theta, \phi_{p,q} \rangle$.

Proof. By the Parseval equality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\left\| \hat{\theta}_{n,m,N,M} - \theta \right\|^2 &= 4 \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \left(\hat{A}_{p,q} - \theta_{p,q} \right)^2 \\ &\quad + 4 \left(\sum_{p=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=1}^M \theta_{p,q}^2 + \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=M+1}^{\infty} \theta_{p,q}^2 + \sum_{p=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=M+1}^{\infty} \theta_{p,q}^2 \right).\end{aligned}$$

From the formula of $\hat{A}_{p,q}$ and $\theta_{p,q}, p = \overline{1, N}, q = \overline{1, M}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{A}_{p,q} - \theta_{p,q} &= \frac{\pi^2}{nm} \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(T) \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij} \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j) \\ &\quad - \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \left[\hat{f}_{p,q}(\tau) - f_{p,q}(\tau) \right] d\tau - \gamma_{n,m,p,q} \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(T),\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\hat{f}_{p,q}(t) - f_{p,q}(t) = \frac{\pi^2 \vartheta}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \xi_{ij}(t) \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j) + \eta_{n,m,p,q}(t).$$

Thus, we obtain (12). \square

Now, we prove that $\gamma_{n,m,p,q}$ and $\eta_{n,m,p,q}$ are “small” in an appropriate sense. We first have

Lemma 4.2. *Assume that $f(\cdot, \cdot, t) \in \mathcal{C}_{\alpha,\beta,E}$ for all $t \in [0, T]$ and $\theta, h \in L^2(\Omega)$. Then*

$$|h_{p,q}| \leq \|\theta\| \lambda_{p,q}(T) + \frac{E}{p^\alpha q^\beta a_1(p^2 + q^2)}. \quad (13)$$

Proof. From (6) and $|f_{p,q}(\cdot)| \leq E/(p^\alpha q^\beta)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}|h_{p,q}| &\leq \left(|\theta_{p,q}| + \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) |f_{p,q}(\tau)| d\tau \right) \lambda_{p,q}(T) \\ &\leq \left(\|\theta\| + \frac{E}{p^\alpha q^\beta} \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) d\tau \right) \lambda_{p,q}(T) \\ &\leq \|\theta\| \lambda_{p,q}(T) + \frac{E}{p^\alpha q^\beta} \int_0^T e^{-(p^2+q^2)\int_\tau^T a(s)ds} d\tau.\end{aligned}$$

Since $a(t) \geq a_1$, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}|h_{p,q}| &\leq \|\theta\| \lambda_{p,q}(T) + \frac{E}{p^\alpha q^\beta} \int_0^T e^{a_1(\tau-T)(p^2+q^2)} d\tau \\ &\leq \|\theta\| \lambda_{p,q}(T) + E \frac{1 - e^{-a_1 T(p^2+q^2)}}{p^\alpha q^\beta a_1(p^2 + q^2)} \leq \|\theta\| \lambda_{p,q}(T) + \frac{E}{p^\alpha q^\beta a_1(p^2 + q^2)}.\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

Now, in the next lemma we shall give an upper bound for the discretization bias of $h_{p,q}$. In fact, we have

Lemma 4.3. *Suppose that $f(\cdot, \cdot, t) \in \mathcal{C}_{\alpha,\beta,E}$ and that $p = \overline{1, n-1}, q = \overline{1, m-1}$. With $\gamma_{n,m,p,q}$ defined by (7), there is a generic constant C independent of n, m, p, q such that*

$$|\gamma_{n,m,p,q}| \leq C n^{-1-\alpha/2} m^{-1-\beta/2}. \quad (14)$$

Proof.

From (8), we have

$$|\gamma_{n,m,p,q}| \leq |P_{n,p,q}| + |Q_{m,p,q}| + |R_{n,m,p,q}|.$$

Using Lemma 4.2 gives

$$\begin{aligned}
|P_{n,p,q}| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |h_{2kn \pm p, q}| \\
&\leq \|\theta\| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_{2kn \pm p, q}(T) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{E}{(2kn \pm p)^{\alpha} q^{\beta} a_1((2kn \pm p)^2 + q^2)} \\
&\leq \|\theta\| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-A(T)[(2kn \pm p)^2 + q^2]} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{E}{a_1[(2kn \pm p)^{2+\alpha} + q^{2+\beta}]}.
\end{aligned}$$

This follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
|P_{n,p,q}| &\leq \|\theta\| e^{-A(T)q^2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-A(T)(2kn \pm p)} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{E}{a_1(2kn \pm p)^{2+\alpha}} \\
&\leq \|\theta\| \frac{e^{-A(T)(2n-p+q^2)} + e^{-A(T)(2n+p+q^2)}}{1 - e^{-2nA(T)}} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{E}{a_1(2kn \pm n)^{2+\alpha}} \\
&\leq \|\theta\| \frac{2e^{-A(T)(2n-p+q^2)}}{1 - e^{-2nA(T)}} + \frac{E}{a_1 n^{2+\alpha}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k \pm 1)^{2+\alpha}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $A(T) > a_1 T$ and $1 - e^{-2nA(T)} \geq \frac{1}{2}$ as n large, we obtain

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |h_{2kn \pm p, q}| \leq 4e^{-a_1 T(2n-p+q^2)} \|\theta\| + \frac{2EK_{\alpha}}{a_1 n^{2+\alpha}} := K_{1,n,m}, \quad (15)$$

where we use $K_{\alpha} := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^{2+\alpha}} < 2, \forall \alpha > 0$. Similarly, we get

$$|Q_{m,p,q}| \leq 4e^{-a_1 T(2m-q+p^2)} \|\theta\| + \frac{2EK_{\beta}}{a_1 m^{2+\beta}} := K_{2,n,m}. \quad (16)$$

Next, we find an upper bound for $|R_{n,m,p,q}|$. In fact, we have

$$|R_{n,m,p,q}| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} |h_{2kn \pm p, 2lm - q}| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} |h_{2kn \pm p, 2lm + q}|.$$

Now we estimate the first term as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} |h_{2kn \pm p, 2lm - q}| \\
&\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \|\theta\| \lambda_{2kn \pm p, 2lm - q}(T) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{E}{(2kn \pm p)^{\alpha} (2lm - q)^{\beta} a_1((2kn \pm p)^2 + (2lm - q)^2)} \\
&\leq \|\theta\| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} e^{-A(T)[(2kn \pm p)^2 + (2lm - q)^2]} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{E}{a_1[(2kn \pm p)^{2+\alpha} + (2lm - q)^{2+\beta}]} \\
&\leq \frac{\|\theta\| (e^{-A(T)(2n+2m-p-q)} + e^{-A(T)(2n+2m+p-q)})}{[1 - e^{-2nA(T)}][1 - e^{-2mA(T)}]} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{E}{a_1[(2kn \pm n)^{2+\alpha} + (2lm - m)^{2+\beta}]}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the inequality $x + y \geq 2\sqrt{xy}$ ($x, y \geq 0$), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} |h_{2kn \pm p, 2lm - q}| \\
& \leq \|\theta\| \frac{2e^{-A(T)(2n+2m-p-q)}}{[1 - e^{-2nA(T)}][1 - e^{-2mA(T)}]} + \frac{E}{2a_1 n^{1+\alpha/2} m^{1+\beta/2}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^{1+\alpha/2} (2l-1)^{1+\beta/2}} \\
& \leq 8e^{-a_1 T(2n+2m-p-q)} \|\theta\| + \frac{EK_{\alpha,\beta}}{2a_1 n^{1+\alpha/2} m^{1+\beta/2}},
\end{aligned}$$

where $K_{\alpha,\beta} := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)^{1+\alpha/2} (2l-1)^{1+\beta/2}} < +\infty, \forall \alpha, \beta > 0$. Similarly, we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} |h_{2kn \pm p, 2lm + q}| \leq 8e^{-a_1 T(2n+2m-p-q)} \|\theta\| + \frac{EK_{\alpha,\beta}}{2a_1 n^{1+\alpha/2} m^{1+\beta/2}}.$$

Therefore

$$|R_{n,m,p,q}| \leq 16e^{-a_1 T(2n+2m-p-q)} \|\theta\| + \frac{EK_{\alpha,\beta}}{a_1 n^{1+\alpha/2} m^{1+\beta/2}} := K_{3,n,m}.$$

Noting that $2(K_{1,n,m} + K_{2,n,m}) \leq Cn^{-1-\alpha/2} m^{-1-\beta/2}$ and that $K_{3,n,m} \leq O(n^{-1-\alpha/2} m^{-1-\beta/2})$, we get the inequality (14). \square

Remark. Writing almost verbatim (in fact, easier) the above proof, we can obtain an estimation of order $O(n^{-1-\alpha/2})$ for the discretization bias of one-dimensional Fourier coefficients. The order is better than the order $O(n^{-1})$ assumed in [4] and it can be applied for the Sobolev class of functions. Moreover, the idea can be generalized to the n -dimensional case.

Lemma 4.4. Assume that $f(\cdot, \cdot, t) \in \mathcal{C}_{\alpha,\beta,E}$ and $\alpha, \beta > 1$. With $\eta_{n,m,p,q}(t)$ defined by (9), we obtain

$$|\eta_{n,m,p,q}(t)| \leq C' \left(n^{-\alpha} + m^{-\beta} \right), \quad (17)$$

where $2 \leq C' < \infty$.

Proof.

From (10), the triangle inequality implies

$$|\eta_{n,m,p,q}(t)| \leq |P'_{n,p,q}(t)| + |Q'_{m,p,q}(t)| + |R'_{n,m,p,q}(t)|.$$

Estimating directly the first term gives

$$\begin{aligned}
|P'_{n,p,q}(t)| & \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_{-p+2kn,q}(t)| + |f_{p+2kn,q}(t)| \leq E \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{(2kn-p)^{\alpha} q^{\beta}} + \frac{1}{(p+2kn)^{\alpha} q^{\beta}} \right) \\
& \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2E}{(2kn-p)^{\alpha}} \leq 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2E}{(2kn-n)^{\alpha}} \leq \frac{C_{\alpha}}{n^{\alpha}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we also have

$$|Q'_{m,p,q}(t)| \leq \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} |f_{p,-q+2lm}(t) + f_{p,q+2lm}(t)| \leq \frac{C_{\beta}}{m^{\beta}}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |R'_{n,m,p,q}(t)| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} |f_{2kn \pm p, 2lm - q}(t) + f_{2kn \pm p, 2lm + q}(t)| \\ &\leq \frac{C_{\alpha, \beta}}{n^{\alpha} m^{\beta}} \end{aligned}$$

with $4 \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} < \infty$. Moreover, we easily see that the upper bound of $|R'_{n,m,p,q}(t)|$ is very smaller than the upper bounds of $|P'_{n,p,q}(t)|$ and $|Q'_{m,p,q}(t)|$ as n, m tend to infinity. Hence, we get (17). \square

To prepare for the proof of the main result, we need

Lemma 4.5. *Let $L > 1$ and $k > 0$, then*

$$\int_1^L e^{ku^2} du \leq \frac{1}{Lk} e^{L^2 k}. \quad (18)$$

Proof.

Putting $s = \frac{u}{L}$, we have

$$\int_1^L e^{ku^2} du = L \int_{\frac{1}{L}}^1 e^{L^2 k s^2} ds \leq L \int_0^1 e^{L^2 k s^2} ds.$$

Then, transforming variable $v = L^2 k(1 - s)$ gives

$$L \int_0^1 e^{L^2 k s^2} ds = \frac{1}{Lk} \int_0^{L^2 k} e^{L^2 k \left(1 - \frac{v}{L^2 k}\right)^2} dv = \frac{1}{Lk} e^{L^2 k} \int_0^{L^2 k} e^{L^2 k \left(1 - \frac{v}{L^2 k}\right)^2 - 1} dv.$$

Since

$$L^2 k \left(\left(1 - \frac{v}{L^2 k}\right)^2 - 1 \right) = v \frac{L^2 k \left(\left(1 - \frac{v}{L^2 k}\right)^2 - 1 \right)}{v} \leq -v,$$

we have

$$\int_1^L e^{ku^2} du \leq \frac{1}{Lk} e^{L^2 k} \int_0^{L^2 k} e^{-v} dv \leq \frac{1}{Lk} e^{L^2 k} (1 - e^{-L^2 k}) \leq \frac{1}{Lk} e^{L^2 k}.$$

Therefore, (18) holds. \square

Finally, we are ready to state and prove the main theorem of our paper.

Theorem 4.6. *Let $E > 0$, $\alpha, \beta > 1$, $0 < \omega_1, \omega_2 < 2$ and $h \in C^1(\overline{\Omega})$, $f \in C([0, T]; C^1(\overline{\Omega}) \cap \mathcal{C}_{\alpha, \beta, E})$. Assume that the system (1)–(2) has a (unique) solution $u \in C^1([0, 1]; L^2(\Omega)) \cap C([0, T]; H^2(\Omega))$. Choose*

$$N = \left\lfloor \frac{(\omega_1 \log n)^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{A(T)}} \right\rfloor \text{ and } M = \left\lfloor \frac{(\omega_2 \log m)^{1/2}}{2\sqrt{A(T)}} \right\rfloor,$$

where $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is the greatest integer $\leq x$. For $\hat{\theta}_{n,m,N,M}(x, y)$ defined in (11), $\theta(x, y) = u(x, y, 0)$, we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \hat{\theta}_{n,m,N,M} - \theta \right\|^2 \leq C_0 \left(\left(\frac{\omega_1 \log n}{4A(T)} \right)^{-\alpha} + \left(\frac{\omega_2 \log m}{4A(T)} \right)^{-\beta} \right).$$

Here, the positive constant C_0 is independent of n, m .

Proof.

According Lemma 4.1, we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \hat{\theta}_{n,m,N,M} - \theta \right\|^2 \leq \mathbb{E} I_1 + I_2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \frac{12\pi^4}{n^2 m^2} \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(A(T)) \sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij} - \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \vartheta \xi_{ij}(\tau) d\tau \right) \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j) \right)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \eta_{n,m,p,q}(\tau) d\tau \right)^2 + \gamma_{n,m,p,q}^2 \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(A(T)) \right], \\ I_2 &= 4 \left(\sum_{p=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=1}^M \theta_{p,q}^2 + \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=M+1}^{\infty} \theta_{p,q}^2 + \sum_{p=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=M+1}^{\infty} \theta_{p,q}^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

First, we consider I_1 . We have

$$I_1 = \frac{12\pi^4}{n^2 m^2} (I_{1,1} + I_{1,2} + I_{1,3}).$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} I_{1,1} &= \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(A(T)) \sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij} - \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \vartheta \xi_{ij}(\tau) d\tau \right) \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j) \right)^2 \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \left(\lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(A(T)) \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j) \sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij} \right]^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \phi_{p,q}(x_i, y_j) \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \vartheta \xi_{ij}(\tau) d\tau \right]^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

From the Brownian motion properties, we known that $\mathbb{E}[\xi_{ij}(t)\xi_{kl}(t)] = 0$ for $k \neq i, l \neq j$ and $\mathbb{E}\xi_{ij}^2(t) = t$. By the Hölder inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(I_{1,1}) &\leq 2 \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \left(\frac{nm}{\pi^2} V_{\max} \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(A(T)) + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \phi_{p,q}^2(x_i, y_j) \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(A(\tau)) d\tau \int_0^T \vartheta^2 \mathbb{E}\xi_{ij}^2(\tau) d\tau \right) \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \left(\frac{nm}{\pi^2} V_{\max} \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(A(T)) + \frac{\vartheta^2 T^2}{2} \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(A(\tau)) d\tau \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \phi_{p,q}^2(x_i, y_j) \right) \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \left(\frac{nm}{\pi^2} V_{\max} \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(A(T)) + \frac{\vartheta^2 T^2 nm}{2\pi^2} \int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(A(\tau)) d\tau \right) \\ &\leq \frac{2nm}{\pi^2} \left(V_{\max} + \frac{\vartheta^2 T^3}{2} \right) \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M e^{2A(T)(p^2+q^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

According Lemma 4.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(I_{1,1}) &\leq \frac{2nm}{\pi^2} \left(V_{\max} + \frac{\vartheta^2 T^3}{2} \right) \int_1^{N+1} \int_1^{M+1} e^{2A(T)(s^2+r^2)} dr ds \\ &\leq \frac{2nm}{\pi^2} \left(V_{\max} + \frac{\vartheta^2 T^3}{2} \right) \int_1^{N+1} e^{2A(T)s^2} ds \int_1^{M+1} e^{2A(T)r^2} dr. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that $e^{N^2} \leq n^{\frac{\omega_1}{4A(T)}}, e^{M^2} \leq m^{\frac{\omega_2}{4A(T)}}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(I_{1,1}) &\leq \frac{nm \left(V_{\max} + \frac{\vartheta^2 T^3}{2} \right)}{2A^2(T)(N+1)(M+1)} e^{2A(T)[(N+1)^2 + (M+1)^2]} \\ &\leq \frac{n^{\frac{\omega_1}{2}+1} m^{\frac{\omega_2}{2}+1} \left(V_{\max} + \frac{\vartheta^2 T^3}{2} \right)}{2A^2(T)(N+1)(M+1)} e^{2A(T)[2N+2M]}. \end{aligned}$$

Putting $\eta_{n,m} = \max\{|\eta_{n,m,p,q}| : p = \overline{1, N}, q = \overline{1, M}\}$, we obtain directly

$$\begin{aligned} I_{1,2} &\leq \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \eta_{n,m}^2 \left(\int_0^T \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) d\tau \right)^2 \\ &\leq \eta_{n,m}^2 \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \left[\int_0^T e^{(p^2+q^2) \int_0^\tau a(s) ds} d\tau \right]^2 \\ &\leq \eta_{n,m}^2 \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \left(\int_0^T e^{a_2 \tau (p^2+q^2)} d\tau \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, it follows from Lemma 4.4 that

$$\begin{aligned} I_{1,2} &\leq \eta_{n,m}^2 \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \frac{e^{2a_2 T[p^2+q^2]}}{a_2^2 (p^2+q^2)^2} \leq \frac{e^{2a_2 T[(N+1)^2 + (M+1)^2]}}{2a_2^3 T(N+1)(M+1)} \eta_{n,m}^2 \\ &\leq C'^2 \left(n^{-\alpha} + m^{-\beta} \right)^2 \frac{2n^{\frac{\omega_1}{2}} m^{\frac{\omega_2}{2}}}{a_2^3 T(N+1)(M+1)} e^{2A(T)[2N+2M]}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we find an upper bound of $I_{1,3}$. Putting $\gamma_{n,m} = \max\{|\gamma_{n,m,p,q}| : p \in \overline{1, N}, q \in \overline{1, M}\}$ and using Lemma 4.3 we have

$$I_{1,3} \leq \gamma_{n,m}^2 \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(T) \leq 8 \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M (K_{1,n,m}^2 + K_{2,n,m}^2) \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(T),$$

where $K_{1,n,m}, K_{2,n,m}$ are defined in (15), (16).

We get

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M K_{1,n,m}^2 \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(T) &\leq \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \left[4e^{-a_1 T(2n-p+q^2)} \|\theta\| + \frac{2E}{a_1 n^{2+\alpha}} \right]^2 \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(T) \\
&\leq \frac{8E^2}{a_1^2 n^{4+2\alpha}} \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M \frac{\lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(T)}{p^{2+2\alpha}} + 32e^{-4na_1 T} \|\theta\|^2 \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M e^{-2a_1 T(q^2-p)} \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(T) \\
&\leq \frac{8E^2}{a_1^2 n^{4+2\alpha}} \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M e^{2A(T)[p^2+q^2]} \\
&\quad + 32e^{-4na_1 T} \|\theta\|^2 \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M e^{2(A(T)p^2+a_1 Tp)} e^{2q^2(A(T)-a_1 T)} \\
&\leq \frac{8E^2 e^{2A(T)[(N+1)^2+(M+1)^2]}}{a_1^2 n^{4+2\alpha} A(T)(N+1)(M+1)} \\
&\quad + 32e^{-4na_1 T} NM e^{2A(T)(N^2+M^2)} e^{2a_1 T(N-M^2)} \|\theta\|^2 \\
&\leq \frac{4E^2 n^{\frac{\omega_1}{2}-4-\alpha} m^{\frac{\omega_2}{2}}}{a_1^2 A(T)(N+1)(M+1)} + 64e^{-4na_1 T} n^{\frac{\omega_1}{2}} m^{\frac{\omega_2}{2}} NM \|\theta\|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$\sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=1}^M K_{2,n,m}^2 \lambda_{p,q}^{-2}(T) \leq \frac{4E^2 m^{\frac{\omega_2}{2}-4-\beta} n^{\frac{\omega_1}{2}}}{a_1^2 A(T)(N+1)(M+1)} + 64e^{-4ma_1 T} n^{\frac{\omega_1}{2}} m^{\frac{\omega_2}{2}} NM \|\theta\|^2.$$

Hence,

$$I_{1,3} \leq 4n^{\frac{\omega_1}{2}} m^{\frac{\omega_2}{2}} \left[\frac{E^2 (n^{-4-\alpha} + m^{-4-\beta})}{a_1^2 A(T)(N+1)(M+1)} + 16MN (e^{-4ma_1 T} + e^{-4na_1 T}) \|\theta\|^2 \right].$$

Therefore, we get

$$\mathbb{E}I_1 \leq e^{2A(T)[2N+2M]} \left[\frac{6\pi^2 n^{\frac{\omega_1}{2}-1} m^{\frac{\omega_2}{2}-1} (V_{\max} + \vartheta^2 T^3/2)}{2A^2(T)(N+1)(M+1)} + \right. \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left. C'^2 \left(n^{-\alpha} + m^{-\beta} \right)^2 \frac{24n^{\frac{\omega_1}{2}-2} m^{\frac{\omega_2}{2}-2}}{a_2^3 T(N+1)(M+1)} \right] + \\
&48\pi^4 n^{\frac{\omega_1}{2}-2} m^{\frac{\omega_2}{2}-2} \left[\frac{E^2 (n^{-4-\alpha} + m^{-4-\beta})}{a_1^2 A(T)(N+1)(M+1)} + 16MN (e^{-4ma_1 T} + e^{-4na_1 T}) \|\theta\|^2 \right] \\
&= C\Delta_{n,m,\omega_1,\omega_2}, \quad (20)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Delta_{n,m,\omega_1,\omega_2} = 4E^2 \left[\left(\frac{\omega_1 \log n}{4A(T)} \right)^{-\alpha} + \left(\frac{\omega_2 \log m}{4A(T)} \right)^{-\beta} \right].$$

To finish the proof of this theorem, we find an upper bound for I_2 . In fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2 &\leq 4 \left(\sum_{p=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=1}^M |A_{p,q}^2| + \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=M+1}^{\infty} |\theta_{p,q}^2| + \sum_{p=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=M+1}^{\infty} |\theta_{p,q}^2| \right) \\
&\leq 4 \left(\sum_{p=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=1}^M p^{-2\alpha} q^{-2\beta} \left| \langle p^\alpha q^\beta \theta, \phi_{p,q} \rangle \right|^2 + \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{q=M+1}^{\infty} p^{-2\alpha} q^{-2\beta} \left| \langle p^\alpha q^\beta \theta, \phi_{p,q} \rangle \right|^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{p=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=M+1}^{\infty} p^{-2\alpha} q^{-2\beta} \left| \langle p^\alpha q^\beta \theta, \phi_{p,q} \rangle \right|^2 \right) \\
&\leq 4E^2 \left(N^{-2\alpha} + M^{-2\beta} + N^{-2\alpha} M^{-2\beta} \right) \\
&\leq 2\Delta_{n,m,\omega_1,\omega_2}.
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Therefore there exists a positive number C_0 independent of n, m, N, M such that

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \hat{\theta}_{n,m,N,M} - \theta \right\|^2 \leq C_0 \left[\left(\frac{\omega_1 \log n}{4A(T)} \right)^{-\alpha} + \left(\frac{\omega_2 \log m}{4A(T)} \right)^{-\beta} \right].$$

□

5 Numerical Results

We illustrate the theoretical results by concrete examples. To this end, we first describe a plan for computation. Let $\Omega = (0, \pi) \times (0, \pi)$, $T = 1$ and

$$\begin{cases} u_t - a(t)\Delta u &= f(x, y, t), & \Omega \times (0, 1), \\ u(x, y, t)|_{\partial\Omega} &= 0, & 0 \leq t \leq 1, \\ u(x, y, 1) &= h(x, y), & (x, y) \in \bar{\Omega}, \end{cases}$$

where the functions $f(x, y, t), h(x, y)$ are measured and the function $a : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is known.

We shall simulate the data for heat source term and final condition, respectively. In fact, at each point $(x_i, y_j) = \left(\frac{\pi(2i-1)}{2n}, \frac{\pi(2j-1)}{2m} \right)$, $i = \overline{1, n}, j = \overline{1, m}$, using two subroutines in FORTRAN programs of John Barhardt (see [1]) and of Marsaglia G., Tsang W. W. (see [16]), we make noises the heat source by $\vartheta \xi_{ij}(t)$ and the final data by $\sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij}$ where $\xi_{ij}(t)$ are the normal Brownian motions and ϵ_{ij} are the standard normal random variables. Choosing $\sigma_{ij}^2 = \sigma^2 = \vartheta = 10^{-1}$ and 10^{-2} , we have two following regression models

$$\begin{aligned} d_{ij} &= h(x(i), y(j)) + \sigma \epsilon_{ij}, & \epsilon_{ij} &\stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1), \\ g_{ij}(t) &= f(x(i), y(j)) + \vartheta \xi_{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we choose some numerical methods to compare errors. The first method is the trigonometric nonparametric regression (truncated method for short) which is considered in the present paper. The second method is the quasi-boundary value (QBV) regularization. The third method is based on the classical solution (CS for short) of the backward problem.

For the mentioned function a , we use the method Legendre–Gauss quadrature with the roots x_i of the Legendre polynomials $P_{512}(x), x \in [-1, 1]$ to calculate

$$A_{GL} = \int_0^1 a(s) ds = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{512} w_i a \left(\frac{x_i}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

where

$$w_i = \frac{2}{(1 + x_i^2) [P'_{512}(x_i)]^2}.$$

The first method is the truncated one which is considered in the present paper. In the method, we have to set up the values of N, M . With the quantity A_{GL} , we can obtain the values of N, M from n, m and $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = 1$ by the following formula

$$N = \left\lfloor \frac{(\log n)^{1/2}}{A_{GL}} \right\rfloor \text{ and } M = \left\lfloor \frac{(\log m)^{1/2}}{A_{GL}} \right\rfloor.$$

In each case of variance $\sigma_{ij}^2 = \sigma^2$, we compute 30 times. To calculate the error between the exact solution and the estimator, we use the root mean squared error (RMSE) as follows

$$\text{RMSE}(\hat{\theta}; \theta) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{nm} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\hat{\theta}(x_i, y_j) - \theta(x_i, y_j) \right)^2}.$$

Then, we find the average of $\text{RMSE}(\hat{\theta}; \theta)$ in 30 runs order.

The second method is the quasi-boundary value (QBV) regularization with the approximation of the initial data

$$\theta_{QBV}(x, y) = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\hat{h}_{p,q}}{\epsilon(p^2 + q^2) + \lambda_{p,q}(T)} - \int_0^T \frac{\lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \lambda_{p,q}(T)}{\epsilon(p^2 + q^2) + \lambda_{p,q}(T)} \hat{f}_{p,q}(\tau) d\tau \right) \phi_{p,q}(x, y).$$

The method is chosen since it is quite common and the stability magnitude of the regularization operator is of order $O(\epsilon^{-1})$ (see [22]). As mentioned, in the QBV method, we do not have explicit stopping indices. So, we only calculate with $p, q = \overline{1, 20}; \epsilon = \sigma^2$ and use the formula

$$\theta_{QBV}(x, y) \approx \sum_{p=1}^{20} \sum_{q=1}^{20} \left(\frac{\hat{h}_{p,q}}{\epsilon(p^2 + q^2) + \lambda_{p,q}(T)} - \int_0^T \frac{\lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \lambda_{p,q}(T)}{\epsilon(p^2 + q^2) + \lambda_{p,q}(T)} \hat{f}_{p,q}(\tau) d\tau \right) \phi_{p,q}(x, y).$$

Finally, we consider a numerical result for the classical solution (CS for short). As the second method, we use the approximation formula

$$\theta_{CS}(x, y) \approx \sum_{p=1}^{20} \sum_{q=1}^{20} \left(\hat{h}_{p,q} \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(T) - \int_0^T \lambda^{-1}(\tau) \hat{f}_{p,q}(\tau) d\tau \right) \phi_{p,q}(x, y).$$

We shall illustrate the discussed plan by two examples. In Example 1, we consider the problem with an exact initial datum θ having a finite Fourier expansion. In Example 2, we compute with the function θ having an infinite Fourier expansion.

In the examples, to calculate integrals depended on the time variable t in approximation formulae, we use the generalized Simpson approximation with 101 equidistant points $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{101} = 1$

$$\int_0^1 \nu(\tau) d\tau = \frac{1}{100} \left[\frac{3}{8} \nu(t_0) + \frac{7}{6} \nu(t_1) + \frac{23}{24} \nu(t_2) + \sum_{k=3}^{n-3} \nu(t_k) + \frac{23}{24} \nu(t_{99}) + \frac{7}{6} \nu(t_{100}) + \frac{3}{8} \nu(t_{101}) \right]$$

where $\nu(\tau) = \lambda_{p,q}^{-1}(\tau) \hat{f}_{p,q}(\tau)$.

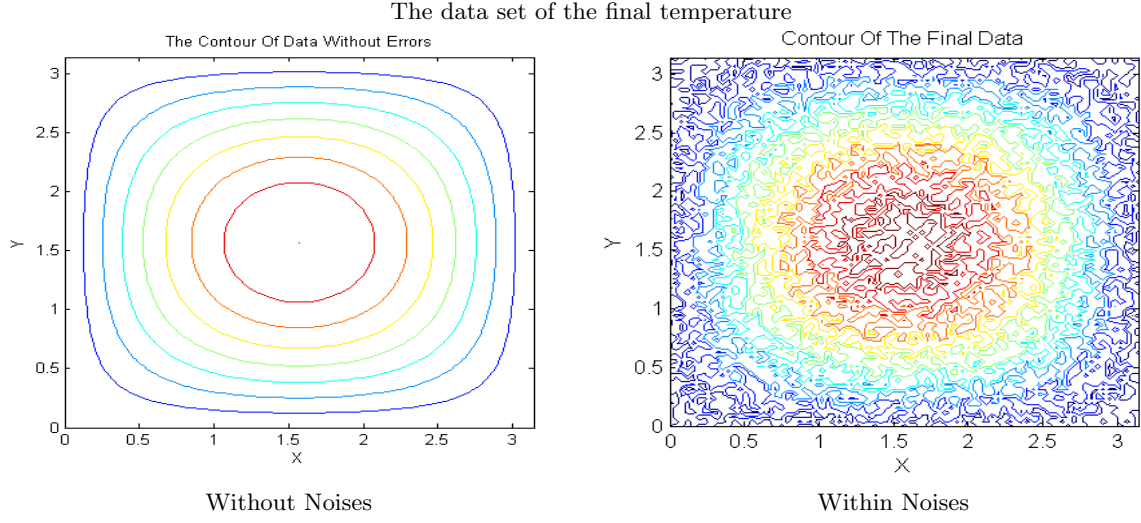


Figure 1: The Contour of Two Data Set for Final Temperature.

Example 1. With $a(t) = 2 - t$, we can see that $1 = a_1 \leq a(t) \leq a_2 = 2$. We have $A_{GL} = 1.5$. Assuming $f(x, y, t) = 2(t^3 - 2t^2 - 6t + 10) \sin(x) \sin(y)$ and $h(x, y) = 4 \sin(x) \sin(y)$. The exact value of $u(x, y, 0)$ is

$$\theta(x, y) = 5 \sin(x) \sin(y)$$

which has a finite Fourier expansion.

Figure 1 and Figure 2 present surfaces of the data and their contours without and within noises for the final condition and the source term. They are drawn in case $\sigma^2 = 10^{-1}$, $n = m = 81$ and at the time $t = 0.5$, w.r.t.

According to the figures, we can see the non-smoothness of two surfaces data in case of random noise. In fact, from the contour plot within noise of the final data, we also see that the measured data is very chaotic. In case of $\sigma^2 = 10^{-1}$, the error of the estimation is quite large, while, the

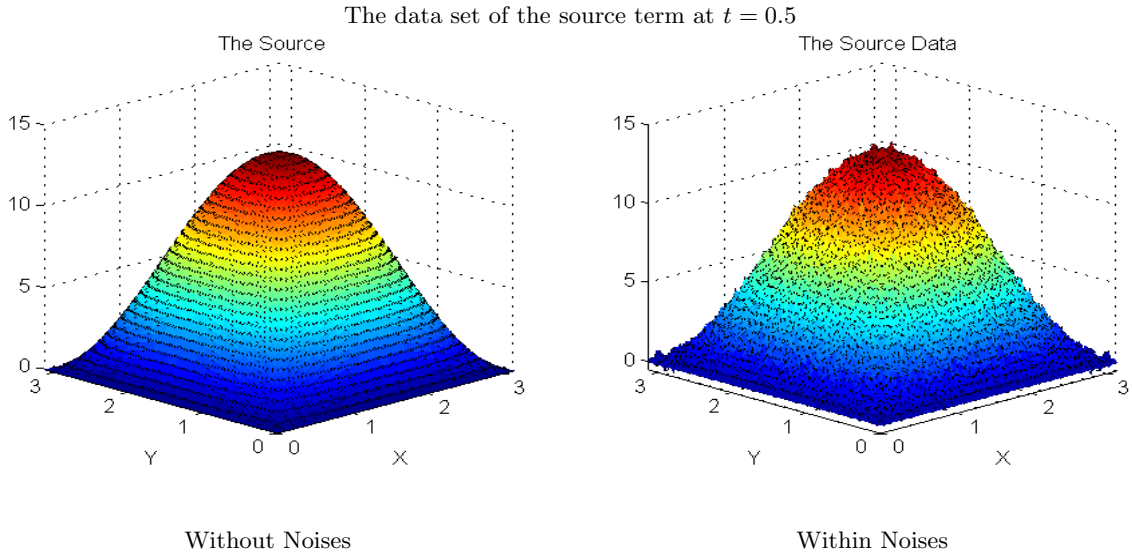


Figure 2: The Surface of Data Set for Heat Source.

error in case of $\sigma^2 = 10^{-2}$ is smaller. In addition, we see that the errors (in two cases of the variance $\sigma_{ij}^2 = \sigma^2$) are decreased when n, m are increased (see Figures 3). The results of this experiment have demonstrated numerically the effectively of the estimator. Table 1 shows the

Table 1: Comparing errors between methods in Example 1: $\sigma^2 = 10^{-1}, 10^{-2}$ and $n = m = 21$.

Run	Estimator		QBV method		Classical solution	
	$\sigma^2 = 10^{-1}$	$\sigma^2 = 10^{-2}$	$\epsilon = 10^{-1}$	$\epsilon = 10^{-2}$	$\epsilon = 10^{-1}$	$\epsilon = 10^{-2}$
1	0.3488	0.0855	1.8493	0.6836	9.0696E+0466	7.2832E+0467
2	0.2810	0.0098	1.7936	0.6492	5.6003E+0468	1.3249E+0467
3	0.1665	0.1151	1.6715	0.6741	4.9925E+0468	7.6606E+0467
4	0.0642	0.0555	1.8313	0.6199	1.9484E+0468	8.8691E+0466
5	0.3478	0.0795	1.7854	0.5895	3.0650E+0468	9.9884E+0467
6	0.1541	0.1344	1.7437	0.6661	1.6817E+0468	1.0375E+0466
7	1.1359	0.1045	1.9001	0.6162	1.0333E+0468	5.0317E+0467
8	0.1819	0.1116	1.8155	0.6789	4.4777E+0468	2.6705E+0467
9	0.5098	0.0794	1.9957	0.6704	8.7766E+0467	1.9412E+0467
10	0.0767	0.0819	1.7344	0.6770	1.9678E+0468	7.3191E+0466
11	0.6926	0.0509	1.8346	0.6305	2.8522E+0468	3.6677E+0467
12	0.1562	0.0650	1.8199	0.6876	9.8178E+0468	6.0419E+0467
13	0.3010	0.0133	1.6247	0.6591	1.3412E+0468	4.7005E+0467
14	0.2691	0.0549	1.9827	0.6664	4.9153E+0468	2.6146E+0466
15	0.8242	0.0784	1.8294	0.6782	2.8401E+0468	2.2989E+0467
16	0.0800	0.0897	2.0291	0.6365	3.9761E+0468	3.2519E+0467
17	0.5340	0.0694	1.8317	0.6593	5.5066E+0466	4.5486E+0467
18	0.3112	0.0560	1.7623	0.6140	5.6634E+0468	4.9512E+0467
19	0.0823	0.1052	1.8327	0.6706	4.7594E+0467	1.5004E+0467
20	0.8982	0.0593	1.7463	0.6531	4.2411E+0468	3.3806E+0467
21	1.1967	0.0919	1.8337	0.6322	6.7184E+0468	3.4589E+0467
22	0.6456	0.1117	1.6554	0.6898	3.1764E+0468	8.5158E+0467
23	0.7978	0.0921	1.8755	0.6289	1.9857E+0468	1.3291E+0467
24	0.7382	0.0732	1.8330	0.6568	1.4733E+0468	1.6599E+0467
25	0.2039	0.1161	1.7400	0.6372	2.2766E+0468	2.3429E+0467
26	0.1441	0.1000	1.8158	0.6410	9.6333E+0467	3.4518E+0467
27	1.3111	0.1097	1.7632	0.6621	2.3796E+0468	3.9224E+0467
28	0.3626	0.1020	1.8254	0.6583	4.7331E+0468	7.5024E+0466
29	0.2833	0.0173	1.7640	0.6552	8.1452E+0467	1.4300E+0467
30	0.8313	0.0414	1.9595	0.6774	4.0568E+0468	4.4984E+0467
Average	0.4643	0.0785	1.8160	0.6540	divergence	divergence

error of the method. We see that the error between the exact solution with the classical solution grows very fast. In fact, the error data is quite small $\epsilon = 10^{-1}, 10^{-2}$ but the error solution is large $\approx 10^{466}$. This illustrates numerically the ill-posedness of our problem. The other hand, the errors in Table 1 of the truncated method is better than the one of the QBV method. *Example 2.* Let

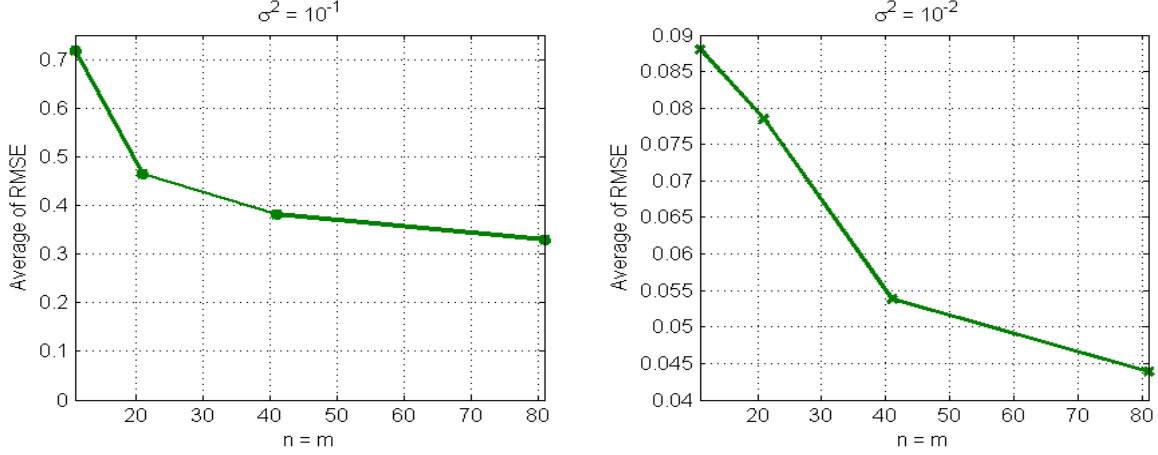


Figure 3: The Graphics of The Average of RMSE in two cases $\sigma^2 = 10^{-1}$ and $\sigma^2 = 10^{-2}$.

$a(t) = 0.5e^{-t}$ and $e^{-1} = a_1 \leq a(t) \leq a_2 = 1$. Then, we calculate $A_{GL} = 0.3161$. Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y, t) &= \frac{e^{-t}}{\pi} [(2e^{-t} + (4e^{-t} - 1) \sin 2y) + (1 - 10e^{-t}) \sin 3x \sin y], \\ h(x, y) &= \frac{e^{-1}}{\pi} [x(\pi - x) \sin y - \sin 3x \sin y]. \end{aligned}$$

We easily see that the exact value of $u(x, y, 0)$ is

$$\theta(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} [x(\pi - x) \sin y - \sin 3x \sin y]$$

which has an infinite Fourier expansion.

The results of Example 2 error as in Table 2. From the results, we can obtain the same conclusions as in Example 1.

6 Conclusion

In this paper, we consider a nonhomogeneous backward problem with initial data and source having random noises. We have to estimate the initial data and the source by regression methods in statistics. On the other hand, our problem is ill-posed. Hence, a regularization is in order. We have used the trigonometric method in nonparametric regression associated with the truncated expansion method to approximate stably the Fourier coefficients of the unknown function $\theta(x, y)$. The estimate of bias of the discretization is given explicitly. Finally, we illustrate the theoretical part by comparing computation results of nonparametric regression, QBV and classical solution methods.

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Table 2: Comparing errors between methods in Example 2: $\sigma^2 = 10^{-1}, 10^{-2}$ and $n = m = 21$.

Run	Estimator		QBV method		Classical solution	
	$\sigma^2 = 10^{-1}$	$\sigma^2 = 10^{-2}$	$\epsilon = 10^{-1}$	$\epsilon = 10^{-2}$	$\epsilon = 10^{-1}$	$\epsilon = 10^{-2}$
1	0.2702	0.1533	0.2518	0.1431	4.79E+097	4.55E+095
2	0.2111	0.1536	0.3038	0.1512	4.97E+096	1.22E+096
3	0.1865	0.1540	0.2881	0.1402	9.17E+094	2.98E+096
4	0.3827	0.1539	0.3039	0.1350	3.80E+097	2.34E+096
5	0.2872	0.1525	0.3161	0.1521	1.18E+096	2.27E+096
6	0.2492	0.1564	0.3135	0.1525	7.43E+096	1.23E+096
7	0.2468	0.1539	0.2858	0.1289	1.28E+097	1.30E+096
8	0.6985	0.1531	0.2876	0.1436	2.11E+097	3.79E+095
9	0.2923	0.1534	0.3187	0.1421	2.04E+097	2.85E+095
10	0.3177	0.1549	0.3104	0.1484	4.02E+097	1.14E+096
11	0.1931	0.1534	0.2909	0.1386	1.21E+097	6.71E+095
12	0.1957	0.1563	0.3355	0.1821	1.60E+097	6.91E+095
13	0.1964	0.1532	0.3139	0.1313	7.14E+096	1.68E+096
14	0.2875	0.1553	0.3018	0.1570	3.96E+096	1.24E+096
15	0.2700	0.1540	0.3195	0.1403	4.51E+097	2.42E+096
16	0.2558	0.1545	0.2985	0.1362	1.68E+097	5.06E+096
17	0.1976	0.1535	0.3589	0.1466	1.60E+096	2.91E+096
18	0.4981	0.1548	0.3853	0.1594	3.85E+096	2.65E+096
19	0.2723	0.1539	0.3200	0.1540	9.70E+096	2.71E+096
20	0.3152	0.1534	0.3312	0.1466	2.04E+097	1.77E+096
21	0.3284	0.1544	0.3303	0.1442	1.60E+097	1.76E+096
22	0.4009	0.1526	0.3173	0.1274	1.01E+097	3.65E+096
23	0.3175	0.1532	0.3005	0.1475	9.57E+096	1.65E+096
24	0.4426	0.1526	0.3132	0.1537	3.06E+096	8.29E+095
25	0.3158	0.1528	0.3234	0.1353	4.21E+097	2.98E+096
26	0.2715	0.1545	0.3443	0.1428	1.22E+097	2.06E+096
27	0.1848	0.1527	0.3517	0.1312	2.46E+097	2.31E+096
28	0.2695	0.1555	0.3104	0.1470	1.05E+097	1.81E+096
29	0.5497	0.1637	0.3126	0.1300	7.88E+096	4.31E+096
30	0.3161	0.1530	0.3047	0.1414	4.69E+096	8.49E+095
Average	0.3074	0.1542	0.3148	0.1443	divergence	divergence

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